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LIMDIS FOR AMBASSADORS FROM SHLAUDEMAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MILI, PE, PN, EC, CI, BL

SUBJECT: WAR FEARS IN THE ANDES

1. UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY CHARGE  
D'AFFAIRES OF CHILEAN EMBASSY ON DECEMBER 29 REQUESTED  
URGENT APPOINTMENT WITH DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF ANDEAN AFFAIRS  
AT DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

2. READING FROM SECRET TELEGRAM HE SAID "US ARMED FORCES  
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REPRESENTATIVES HAVE CONTACTED OUR MILITARY ATTACHES TO  
INFORM THEM OF THE IMMINENCE OF A PERUVIAN ATTACK (AGAINST)  
OUR TERRITORY".

3. TELEGRAM CONTINUED "MOST RECENTLY THIS OCCURRED IN  
QUITO WHERE OUR NAVAL AND MILITARY ATTACHES WERE CALLED BY

US NAVAL ATTACHE WHO WITH POLITICAL COUNSELOR TOLD THEM THIS, ADDING (LIKELIHOOD) SIMULTANEOUS ATTACK AGAINST CHILE AND ECUADOR". ACCORDING TO THE MESSAGE, SIMILAR INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO CHILEAN REPRESENTATIVES BY US MILITARY IN PANAMA.

4. CHARGE WAS INSTRUCTED SEEK CONFIRMATION AND ORIGIN THESE COMMENTS AND ENDS SOUGHT THEREBY. HE SPECIFICALLY ASKED IF THIS REPRESENTED AUTHORIZED OPINION OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

5. DEPARTMENT OFFICER EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT THIS INFORMATION. SAID WE WERE OF COURSE AWARE OF SOME ALARMIST RUMORS AND SPECULATION CIRCULATING IN ANDEAN REGION BUT THAT THESE COULD NOT AND SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH ANY OFFICIAL OPINION OR AUTHORIZED ESTIMATE ON PART OF USG. HE SUGGESTED THAT ANY DISCUSSIONS SUCH AS THOSE REPORTED MAY HAVE TOUCHED UPON THE PREVALENCE OF SUCH RUMORS BUT

THEN,EITHER THROUGH FAULTY EXPRESSION OR FAULTY INTERPRETATION BEEN MISTAKENLY TAKEN AS AN OFFICIAL USG OPINION.

6. CHILEAN CHARGE APPEARED TO APPRECIATE THIS EXPLANATION AND SAID HE WOULD PROMPTLY REPORT SAME TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

7. I WOULD LIKE YOU EACH TO TAKE A PERSONAL INTEREST IN DETERMINING IF THERE IS ANY BASIS WHATSOEVER IN THESE ALLEGATIONS. IT IS CLEAR WE HAVE AN INTEREST IN KEEPING OURSELVES INFORMED ON TENSIONS IN THE AREA. BUT IN OUR ZEAL WE MUST NOT BECOME PART OF THE PROBLEM. PLEASE DO  
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LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU FIND OUT.

ROBINSON

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